Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Captains Meriwether Lewis and William Clark and their Corps of Discovery traveled through the future state of South Dakota in 1804 on their outbound journey in their quest to find a water route to the Pacific Ocean and in 1806 on their return voyage, counseling with many American Indians along the way; and,

Whereas, On November 11, 1804, the Captains met a young Shoshone captive, Sacagawea, at the Mandan Indian Villages near the Knife River in what is now the state of North Dakota. Sacagawea's husband, Toussaint Charbonneau, a French-Canadian trapper, was hired as the Captains interpreter; and,

Whereas, Sacagawea traveled with the Corps of Discovery to the Pacific Coast, and by her presence, served as an ambassador and translator for the expedition throughout the journey, returning to the Mandan Indian Villages on August 18, 1806; and,

Whereas, While alternative theories exist concerning Sacagawea's death, most American historians believe she died on December 20, 1812, at the age of 25, at Fort Manuel Lisa, of a fever; and,

Whereas, Although historians have also long debated the significance of her role during the Lewis and Clark expedition, Sacagawea has become a legendary figure in American history and in honor of her memory and to commemorate the 200th Anniversary of her death, the Encounters on the Prairie Chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation is hosting a regional meeting which will include several respected historians as speakers in Fort Pierre, South Dakota:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 28-30, 2012, as

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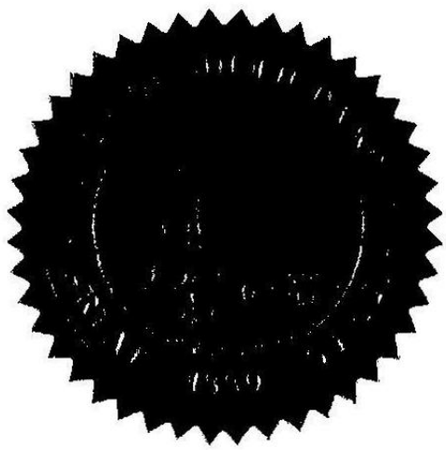
in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State